



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-2393)

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Call to Order. (13-2088)

President John B. Troost called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Present: President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John R. James, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

Excused: Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of April 17, 2013. (13-2089)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. President's Report for April 2013. (13-2090)

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal reported the following items on behalf of President John B. Troost:

- He joined the Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee teleconference meeting and was well received. He hopes the Committee is successful in their quest in reaching out to County Department Heads to obtain their participation in the Commission on Disabilities monthly meetings;
- Provided an update on the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. handicap ramp dedication;
- Requested Commissioners take time to review the Commission's Ordinance and be prepared to discuss the Ordinance at the June 19, 2013 meeting; and

His concern was expressed regarding Access Services Inc.'s inconsistencies with pick up and drop off times of constituents utilizing their transportation services.

After discussion, Mr. Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, will report back at the June 19, 2013 Commission meeting regarding President John B. Troost's concerns.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the President's Report for April 2013 was received and filed.

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3. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (13-2092)

Emma De Jesus, Commission staff, thanked Commission members for their attendance at the meeting and for creating a quorum.

Ms. De Jesus reported staff will be sending out the Access Awards Luncheon Sponsor packets next month. She noted staff cannot directly solicit for sponsors. Sponsor leads are only followed-up after initial contact has been made by Commissioners on behalf on the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Miller and by common consent, there being no objection, staff was instructed to forward the Ordinance to all members for review and place for discussion, the review of the Commission Ordinance and Bylaws on the June 19, 2013 agenda for possible amendments to be submitted to County Counsel.

After further discussion, Ms. De Jesus' report was filed.

4. Monthly Report by Events' Committee Chair Janet A. Neal. (13-2093)

Event Committee Chair Janet A. Neal provided an overview of the May 8, 2013 Events Ad-Hoc Committee's meeting. She reported that the Omni Hotel requires the Commission guarantee at least 300 guests for the 22nd Annual Access Awards Luncheon to be held on October 21, 2013. She will continue promoting the Access Awards Luncheon Event on the Commission's KTYM Radio show.

She concluded by urging all Commissioners to provide staff with detailed information on individuals and organizations who are possible sponsors.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received filed.

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5. Report by the Nominating Committee on the slate of officers, and open nominations of 2013-15 Commission on Disabilities' officers. (13-2099)

Nominating Committee Chair Winslow Reitnouer reported that she received four Declaration of Candidacy forms for the positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and none for the position of Treasurer. She directed staff send out Bylaws to Commissioners, and opened the floor for nominations to the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer of the Commission on Disabilities.

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal nominated Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro for the position of Treasurer.

She concluded by saying the Declarations of Candidacy forms will be mailed to all Commissioners and must be returned no later than 10 days prior to the June 19, 2013 Commission meeting.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

6. Monthly Report by Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Steve Miller. (13-2100)

Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Steve Miller gave a summary of the Committee's April 29, 2013 Teleconference meeting. He asked that Commissioners review the Liaison Committee's Report and make recommendations on how to best implement the plans on the report to insure that disabled Los Angeles County residents are treated with respect, dignity and have equal access to all County services, resources and protection.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. (13-2094)

Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc., requested President John B. Troost provide additional information on the drop off and pick up concern submitted by a constituent. Mr. Burns stated that he will monitor trips and review trip scheduling requests.

During discussion, Commissioner Steve Miller stated that the Commission should invite a representative from the Regional Center and Access Services, Inc. to address the Commission's concern regarding transportation, pick up and drop off scheduling for people with disabilities.

Mr. Burns will contact Regional Center to coordinate the meeting date and time for a representative to address the Commission on Disabilities at a future meeting.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission regarding the Access Services Inc. 3/4 mile service. Louis Burns stated that the 3/4 mile service area is a fixed bus route which allows Access Services Inc. riders to be picked up within a 3/4 mile radius of their home.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

8. Monthly Report by Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Paratransit Program Administrator for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (13-1803)

Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator of METRO reported that METRO will begin the latching of the gates on all METRO train stations on June 19, 2013, and the G-Tel System is fully implemented and operational. She thanked the Commission for the Scholarship Awards Program and for having her as a guest on the Commission's KTYM Radio Show.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

III. PRESENTATION

9. Presentation by Nina Franqui Hollomon, Director of Enriched Services, Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services, and Michelle Udeorji, Enriched Services Coordinator at Young Burlington Apartments, on services being provided to the disabled community by Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services (WORKS). (13-2248)

This item was continued to a future meeting without discussion.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Commissioners' announcements for May 2013. (13-2095)

Commissioner Steve Miller announced that the "Tierra Del Sol Foundation" will host a "Celebration of Volunteers" event on June 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, California. Invitations were extended to all Commissioners.

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal announced the "Ahead with Horses" fundraiser will be held soon.

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro expressed her concern regarding the poor treatment of people with disabilities by hospital staff and doctors.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Matters Not Posted

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-2096)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 11A. Discussion by Regional Center rep and Louis Burns, Access Services, Inc., on transportation for people with disabilities. (13-2456)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, and by common consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the June 19, 2013 agenda.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-2097)

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission regarding transportation for people with disabilities, and the poor treatment of people with disabilities at County hospitals.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the May 15, 2013 meeting. (13-2098)

On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, seconded by Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. in memory of Elizabeth Helms and Mario Machado.